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SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL

PARACHUTE RECOVERY OF SOVIET SPACE ANIMALS

The following is an FDD comment.

In an article in the Warsaw Skrzydlatą Polską of 11 September 1960 (p 10) describing the success of the second Soviet space ship, the statement is made that "...the container [with the experimental animals] landed by parachute about 10 kilometers from the designated point...." There is no mention of the method used in the reported recovery of the space ship cabin, only that its recovery was made with "high accuracy."

Soviet announcements concerning recovery of the second Soviet space ship have mentioned "retroengines" and "special braking systems" in connection with the soft landing of the dog-carrying capsule and cabin of the vehicle. The item above contains the first indication known to FDD that a parachute system was used in this particular instance, although Soviet use of parachutes in recovering capsules or containers with experimental animals after being catapulted from high-altitude rockets has been known for some time.

SOCIOLOGICAL

FDJ PARTICIPATION IN 1961 IUS-SPONSORED MEETINGS -- Berlin, Informationsbuero West, 14 Sep 60

The Central Council of the FDJ (Free German Youth) has decided to participate in all gatherings of the Communist International Student Union (IUS) planned for 1961. FDJ delegations will participate in the "World Student Conference Against Colonialism" in Conakry, in a seminar on racial discrimination in Tunis, in a seminar on the economic problems of students in Havana, in a conference on "General Disarmament and Peaceful Coexistence -- Their Significance for Students and Schools" in Poland, in a seminar on "The Role of Students in the Fight Against Illiteracy and for a National School System" in North Vietnam, in an IUS Congress in Moscow, and in the international student games in Sofia.

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At present, the FDJ Central Council is preparing to participate in the October IUS congress in Baghdad. The Central Council is also preparing an IUS seminar on "the peaceful solution of the German question," planned for November 1960 in East Berlin. This year, student delegations from East Germany will also take part in an International Conference on Democratizing the School System, sponsored by the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak youth society, and in the conference on student tourism in Warsaw.

EMPLOYMENT OF ADOLESCENTS -- Sofia, Izvestiya na Prezidiuma na Narodnoto subranie, No 63, 5 Aug 60

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Decree No 174 of the Council of Ministers of 29 July 1960 prescribes that records shall be kept of all adolescents from 15 to 18 years of age who are not continuing their education and of the reasons for their not doing so. Ministries, departments (vedomstvo), and okrug (urban) people's councils are obligated to request that enterprise managers in the okrug hire these young people.

ECONOMIC

CURRENT AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN EASTERN EUROPE

The following is an FDD comment.

The Satellite press, up to the third week of September 1960, fails to provide any clear indications of harvest results.

Hungarian sources admit "significant" damage to crops, mainly to cereals, as a result of heavy rains and some floods during July and August. Threshing, which had been delayed by the weather, was almost completed by mid-September. Moreover, the storability of the potatoes is below normal because of the rain.

According to the Czechoslovak press, the plan for bulk purchasing of grain and deliveries to state storage points has been almost fulfilled. There is also concern about disposing of the expected surplus of the country's record fruit crop, which is now anticipated to be greater than that of 1958.

The silage corn harvest in East Germany has been over half completed, according to 21 September information in the country's agricultural daily. Grain delivery plans are approaching fulfillment. The potato harvest, which is over one fifth completed, is slightly behind schedule.

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The mid-September Rumanian press reports that the harvesting of fall crops is under way. In a number of regiunes, the corn, sunflower, and potato harvests are behind schedule. Planting of fall rape, barley, rye, and wheat has started. And over 1.1 million hectares of plowing for fall planting has been completed.

A Polish source continues to report on the effects of the excessive rainfall in that country. In many localities, potato plantings are starting to rot in the fields, and because of the excess moisture, potato storage will require much more care than usual. However, the rain was beneficial to seed production in some areas.

Scant reports in the Bulgarian press indicate that over 3.5 million tons of forage had been ensiled by the first week of September. The grape crop is reported in good condition and has already ripened.

PAYMENT OF RENTS, SERVICES FROM WAGES -- Sofia, Izvestiya na Prezidiuma na Narodnoto subranie, No 75, 16 Sep 60

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Decree No 199 of the Council of Ministers of 23 August 1960 specifies that blue- and white-collar workers may pay their rent for state housing, trash collection fees, and fees for porter and cleaning services through the financial accounting and savings services from which they receive their wages and salaries.

MANPOWER IN MINING AND CONSTRUCTION -- Sofia, Izvestiya na Prezidiuma na Narodnoto subranie, No 72, 6 Sep 60

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To assure sufficient manpower for the fulfillment of the State National Economic Plan in mining and construction, the Presidium of the People's Assembly of Bulgaria has issued a ukase permitting pensioners directly employed in these production fields to receive full pensions during 1960, in addition to the wages they earn.

STEEL PLANT EXPANSION -- Katowice, Hutnik, Vol XXVII, No 7-8, Jul-Aug 60, p. 257

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During the second half of the 1961-1965 Five-Year Plan, work will be started to complete the expansion program at the Bierut Metallurgical Works in Czestochowa. The additional facilities will include a high production blooming mill of Polish construction, with a production capacity of 3.5 million tons annually; new blast furnaces; a steel plant; a rolling mill; and a coke plant. The construction goal for the Bierut Metallurgical Works is to have a complete production cycle with an annual output of 3 million to 3.5 million tons of steel products in 1968.

PIPE PRODUCTION FOR OIL LINE -- Berlin, Chemie Rundschau, Vol 2, No 33,
19 Aug 60, p 5

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In late July 1960, the No III Bitterfeld Pipe Works in Muldenstein began series production of pipe for the pipeline which is to bring Soviet crude oil to Schwedt/Oder. To produce the pipe, the plant built a modern pipe-rolling train in less than 6 months, based on Soviet experience. By April 1961, it will construct an entirely new pipe-welding works in Bitterfeld which will do most of the work for the pipeline.

The plant will first deliver pipe for the Polish section of the line; each country will assemble and lay the pipe itself. The pipe is to be made of 7-millimeter, strong, special metal sheet, of which 4,000 tons have already been shipped to Muldenstein from the Soviet Union. More than 2,000 meters of the pipe for Poland has already been produced. The pipe will have a diameter of 529 millimeters.

NEW AIRLINE SCHEDULE -- Bucharest, Scinteia, 16 Sep 60, p 3

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The timetable of TAROM (Rumanian Air Transport Enterprise) internal flights has been changed, effective 15 September. The Bucharest-Orasul Stalin-Tirgu Mures-Cluj flight will depart from Bucharest at 1440 hours and will arrive in Cluj at 1645 hours. The Bucharest-Constanta flight, which was scheduled for Sundays only, will now depart daily; and the one leaving Bucharest at 1700 hours and returning the next day has been replaced with a flight departing from Bucharest at 1430 hours and returning the same day at 1650 hours. The flight on the Bucharest-Constanta route taking off at 1010 hours has been suspended. The Bucharest-Timisoara-Arad-Constanta flight has been suspended on the Bucharest-Constanta line and has remained on the round-trip Bucharest-Timisoara-Arad route leaving Bucharest at 1720 hours and returning to Bucharest the next day at 0845 hours. Likewise, the hours of departure and arrival on the following routes have been changed; Bucharest-Craiova, Bucharest-Bacau-Iasi, and Bucharest-Galati.

NEW MASS MOVEMENT -- Peiping, Ta Kung Pao, 3 Sep 60, p 1

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An enormous mass movement for all-out effort in agriculture and all-out effort in grain [production] by the whole party and all the people is just now rapidly getting under way.

[Comment: This statement appears in an editorial calling for support of technical innovations in agricultural tools and may be the first mention of a concrete political step to implement a recent statement on economic policy by Li Fu-ch'un, chairman of the State Planning Commission (Peiping,

Hung-ch'i, No 16, 16 August 1960), [In this statement, Li went beyond characterizing agriculture as "the foundation for the development of the national economy" to say that "all party comrades...must place agricultural production in the foremost position." This is the culmination of a long trend, discernible for over a year.. (See Po I-po's article in Hung-ch'i, No 20, 16 October 1959; also Li Fu-ch'un's article in Jen-min Jih-pao, 1 January 1960.)]

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CITY FAMILIES MOVED TO FARMS -- Peiping, Kung-jen Jih-pao, 18 Sep 60, p 1

The Ku-lou and Yun-lung People's Communes of Hsu-chou Municipality recently mobilized over 2,000 households for settlement in the rural areas. The action was necessary because of the manpower shortage for tending vegetable production.

From 21 July to 30 August, 6,171 persons (over 3,400 of them able to do physical work) of 2,023 households had moved to the rural areas.

POLITICAL

DISTRICT OFFICIALS REPLACED -- Halle, Der Neue Weg, 7 Sep 60; Halle, Liberal-Demokratische Zeitung, 9 Sep 60

Willi Stein, former secretary of the Halle Bezirk Council has been replaced by Herbert Kelle, former secretary of the Koethen Kreis Council. Max Friedemann, former chairman of the Bezirk Halle Economic Council, has been replaced by Heinz Schwarz.

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